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From: Arcaute, Francisco
Sent: Tue 3/25/2014 2:48:09 PM
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST RE: BP WHITING (IND.) OIL SPILL INTO LAKE MICHIGAN

Megan Mc and Mike Beslow are hammering one out...I'll probably be going to Whiting later today...

From: Cassell, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Arcaute, Francisco; Karl, Richard
Cc: Rowan, Anne
Subject: Fw: MEDIA REQUEST RE: BP WHITING (IND.) OIL SPILL INTO LAKE MICHIGAN

I'm at home. So I can keep working this. I think providing a desk statement would answer her questions.

From: Arcaute, Francisco
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:30:04 AM
To: Cassell, Peter
Cc: Rowan, Anne
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Mike Beslow is the OSC, 312 802 0711.

Im at an RA event all morning.

Suggest you first clear any responses with Rick, Joan, Sam B, Mindy c, Jason El Z, etc.

I'm working on a draft desk statement – which is in flux as we speak.

Thanks

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MARCH 25 DRAFT

U.S. EPA DESK STATEMENT ON RESPONSE TO THE BP AMOCO DISCHARGE

On Monday, March 24, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, among other federal, state and local agencies, was informed of a crude oil discharge that took place at the BP Whiting Refinery's cooling water outfall into Lake Michigan, near Whiting, Indiana.

EPA has deployed an On Scene Coordinator and is supervising the response. It appears that the discharge has not affected nearby residential areas.

BP Amoco is the lead agency.

EPA will continue to monitor the cleanup. At this point there is no estimate in cleanup cost or duration.

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From: Cassell, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:23 AM
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Fyi

From: Lauri Keagle <Lauri.Keagle@nwi.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:25:58 AM
To: Cassell, Peter
Subject: MEDIA REQUEST RE: BP WHITING (IND.) OIL SPILL INTO LAKE MICHIGAN

Hi Peter,

Wondering if you could provide me with some details of your end of the investigation into the following. I just got confirmation from BP and IDEM this morning.

I'm at (219) 852-4311 (direct) until 2 p.m.

Thanks!

Malfunction at BP's Whiting Refinery sends oil into Lake Michigan

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WHITING | State and federal environmental officials were at the scene of an oil spill into Lake Michigan Tuesday morning following a Monday afternoon discharge from BP's Whiting

Refinery.

The incident was discovered at 4:30 p.m. Monday, BP Spokesman Scott Dean said.

"We did have a processing disruption last night at the Whiting Refinery," Dean said via phone from the scene Tuesday morning. "We immediately activated the response team."

Dean said the discharge took place in "a little cove between the water treatment plant and the steel mill."

"Some oil found its way into the cooling water system," Dean said.

The oily water was then discharged into the cove leading to the lake, he said.

"It wasn't long-lasting," he said.

Dean said there were no injuries.

Cleanup and containment efforts were underway Tuesday morning. Dean said "a couple of booms" were placed in the water.

"The winds are out of the north and have been pushing it toward the shore, which is helping our guys with the clean up," Dean said.

Dean said BP was not yet able to quantify the amount of oil discharged into the lake because of the disruption in the processing unit.

Dean said BP representatives quickly contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Dan Goldblatt, spokesman for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, said there is "a large sheen on the lake right now."

Goldblatt said IDEM officials were at the scene Tuesday morning along with U.S. EPA representatives.

Check back with nwi.com for updates.

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